

The Burke County News.

FRIDAY, JAN. 13, 1899.

Good morning! Have you been vaccinated?

Who will be the first paid subscriber to THE NEWS? Don't all speak at once.

Governor Russell's message to the General Assembly is printed on our second page.

The small pox scare has about abated. We hear nothing more about quarantining the town.

THE NEWS' advertising rates will be reasonable and we are going to try to make it the best advertising medium in its field.

Friend, do you wish THE NEWS success? If you do just say how much by the amount accompanying your "best wishes," etc.

Mr. W. S. McRary has been at Bridgewater for a few days this week making some repairs to the boiler at Mr. T. A. Seals' shingle mill.

Read Bill Arp's letter on third page—on the way the figure 9 appears in the new year. He says it means something. There is other interesting talk in his two columns.

Mr. Joseph Coffey, formerly of Morganton, spent last Sunday with friends here. He is now proprietor of a shop doing blacksmithing and wood work in Asheville and reports a prosperous business.

The new preacher for the A. M. E. Church at this place is Rev. H. S. Roberts and for the A. M. E. Zion Church Rev. A. McIver. Rev. J. S. Derry has been returned to the Morganton district by the W. N. C. Conference of the A. M. E. Church as presiding elder.

Mr. J. D. Wright and family have taken up their residence in Chattonooga, leaving Morganton Thursday of last week. Mr. Wright was engaged in the jewelry business here. We understand that he will open a jewelry store in Chattanooga.

Mr. R. F. Goodson has sold his interest in the livery business to Mr. J. H. McNeely. The trade was closed last Saturday. Mr. McNeely now owns a half interest in the two stables heretofore run by Messrs. Ward & Goodson. Mr. L. A. Ward retains his half interest.

Mrs. Charlie Parks and daughter Clara, of Manhattan, Kansas, are spending a few weeks with relatives and friends in Burke. Mrs. Parks is a daughter of Mr. Henry Kincaid, of Upper Creek, and this is her first visit to her old home since she moved west 21 years ago.

NEW K. OF P. OFFICERS.

Burke Lodge, No. 64, Knights of Pythias, held its regular meeting last Monday night, with work in the third degree. New officers were also installed as follows: Chas. Lane, Chancellor Commander; B. S. Gaither, Vice Chancellor; T. G. Cobb, Prelate; J. H. Wilson, Master of Work; N. Lazarus, Master of Finance; Isaac Lazarus, Master of Exchequer; Chas. L. Smith, Keeper of Records and Seal; C. F. Brown, Master at Arms; Chas. McNeely, Inner Guard; C. Lannie Smith, Outer Guard. The installation was conducted by District Deputy B. R. Payne. This lodge is now one of the most thriving K. of P. lodges in the State. It is constantly adding new names to its roster.

A NEWSPAPER FOR BAKERSVILLE.

Mr. H. S. Pinkston, who was employed as a printer on the Herald for about two years and more recently as publisher of the Farmer's Friend at this place, will leave next week for Bakersville to start a newspaper at that place. Mitchell county has been without a newspaper for some time and many of the leading citizens of that county have assured Mr. Pinkston of a liberal patronage. Mr. Pinkston is a young man of intelligence, good habits and a tip-top printer and has proven himself thoroughly capable of taking entire charge of a newspaper. We bespeak for him success in his new field. His family will remain in Morganton until spring before going to Bakersville.

HASN'T "MATERIALIZED."

The report that two young men by the name of Dobson, of Linville township, had small pox, has proven to be a false one. They had been with a man in McDowell county who, it was claimed, had small pox. We learn that these Dobson boys, after hearing that there was some complaint about their circulating among the people, confined themselves at home to protect the neighborhood from the spread of the disease. Their small pox hasn't yet "materialized" and it is now nearly three weeks since they were "exposed to the disease." At last account they were "living and doing well."

Two of the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Nichols were sent to the Oxford Orphan Asylum last week. The one remaining, a little girl, will live with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Coffey, on Lenoir street.

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A LYNCHING IN MURPHY.

GEO. MANEY HANGED BY A MOB MONDAY NIGHT.

HE HAD CONFESSED KILLING SHERRILL OF GRAHAM COUNTY—THE LYNCHERS FOOL THE DEPUTY SHERIFF.

MURPHY, N. C., Jan. 10.—(Special to Asheville Citizen.)—George Maney was lynched last night about 9 o'clock. A crowd of unknown men came to town and represented that they had a horse theft, and Deputy Sheriff Axley opened the jail, when they took Maney out. He was hanged on Valley river bridge. Maney had confessed to killing Sherrill, from Graham county, most brutally. Feeling was very high there against him. He was jailed here for safe keeping.

The crime with which Maney was charged was the murder of Thad Sherrill in Graham county in the spring of 1898. It was said that this was one of the most cold blooded murders ever known to the people of that section. Maney was taken to the Murphy jail for safe keeping, and on the night of November 19 escaped therefrom by tricking the janitor. Early in December Maney returned to Murphy and gave himself up to Attorney Ben Posey, who turned him over to the authorities. Maney had had a dreadful experience while in hiding, having had little to eat, and one of his feet being badly frostbitten.

A NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR MORGANTON.

The Burke Telephone Company is the name of a concern which is now putting in a new telephone system in Morganton. The parties composing the company are citizens of Marion and will in the near future they say connect Morganton by telephone with Marion and Hickory. These towns are already connected with other towns and we may expect ere long to be enabled to converse by telephone with Marion, Asheville, Burnsville, Bakersville, Hickory, Lenoir, Newton,—in fact with every important town in W. N. C.

New poles are being put in and entirely new lines will be built. This new system will have a central station with someone to make the exchange and it is stated that we will have both day and night service. It is expected that the company will be ready for local business in the course of a month or two.

The system with the automatic exchange, which has been in use here for the past three years has not given entire satisfaction and is being taken out.

Mrs. Lynn, one of the oldest women in the county, her age being about 93 years, died at the home of her son, L. M. Lynn, last Saturday morning. The remains were interred at Oak Hill church on Sunday.

We hope our friends at the different country postoffices will send us the news of their neighborhood. When anything of general interest transpires write us a letter or drop us a postal card.

Superintendent E. McK. Goodwin of the school for deaf mutes at this place, says there are now 199 pupils and that as soon as the heating apparatus is in place 80 more can be taken.

STATE NEWS.

The Democrat is a new paper at Hickory. W. C. Dowd, of the Charlotte News, editor and proprietor. The first issue appeared Jan. 5th.

Greensboro correspondence Charlotte Observer: Dr. J. A. Cunningham, a prominent minister of the Methodist church, died Saturday night. He had been sick for some time with heart trouble. The funeral services were held Monday.

Salisbury correspondence Charlotte Observer: Messrs. John S. Henderson and T. H. Vandertord are organizing a stock company for the purpose of operating an electric car line from Chestnut Hill to Spencer. The capital stock is limited to \$10,000, and it is believed that this amount will be secured in a short while.

Harry D. Watts, a prominent young society man of Charlotte, was found dead Sunday morning. He was lying beneath one of the huge doors of the Merchants and Farmers' bonded warehouse, which is not quite completed. His head was crushed and his back broken. He had evidently been dead several hours. The door was in place, but was not hung and it is supposed that in going home some time between 2 o'clock and day, he ran against the door, knocking it down and crushing himself to death.

Bryson City Democrat: J. P. DeHart was before Commissioner Allison Thursday on a charge of illicit distilling. It appears that Pat has been utilizing his wash pot and smoke house for one of Bill Nye's "laboratories." During the progress of the trial Pat asked to be sworn in his own defense and stated on oath that he had made a run of some kind of medicinal compound out of pum, vinegar and "yarbs" for medical purposes, to which oath he signed himself as J. P. DeHart, M. D., thus precipitating upon the court a fine legal point to decide as to whether M. D. is for "make drunk" or medical doctor. The commissioner bound him to the U. S. court where Judge Ewart will have an opportunity to pass on these fine technicalities.

Mr. H. S. Pinkston is now occupying a part of the Haskins house where Mr. Waits Williams lives, having moved his family the first of the week from the Tate place on Hunting creek.